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SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS DETAILS ON THE PRC'S LAST
NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (NPC). END SUMMARY.

1. THE THIRD NPC WAS SCHEDULED BY THE 134TH SESSION OF THE
SECOND NPC STANDING COMMITTEE TO OPEN ON DECEMBER 20, 1964.
NCNA ANNOUNCED THE COMMITTEE'S ACTION NOVEMBER 29. ON
DECEMBER 19, NCNA CARRIED STORIES ON THE 3,040 DELEGATES TO
THE NPC, WHO WERE ALREADY ARRIVING IN PEKING. THE NEXT DAY'S
NCNA REPORTED THE NPC PREPARATORY MEETING, HIGHLIGHTED BY PENG
CHEN'S REPORT ON THE AGENDA. NCNA ALSO PUBLISHED NAME LISTS
OF THE DELEGATES SELECTED TO SERVE ON THE PRESIDUM AND THE
COMMITTEES FOR BUDGET, MOTIONS, AND CREDENTIALS.

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2. ON DECEMBER 21, NCNA ANNOUNCED THAT SAME DAY'S OPENING OF THE THIRD NPC'S FIRST SESSION, PRESIDED OVER BY PRC CHAIRMAN LIU SHAO-CHI. PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI BEGAN HIS STATE COUNCIL WORK REPORT THAT DAY, FINISHING DECEMBER 22. THE NEXT DAY, DECEMBER 23, NCNA REPORTED THAT THE NPC HAD BROKEN UP INTO SMALLER GROUP MEETINGS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS CHOU'S REPORT. THERE WERE NO FURTHER REPORTS DURING THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS. ON DECEMBER 26, CNA STATED THE GROUP MEETINGS HAD CONCLUDED AFTER THREE DAYS DISCUSSION, AND REPORTED THE NPC HAD CONVENED A PLENARY SESSION TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF CHOU'S REPORT. SUMMARY ARTICLES PRINTED DECEMBER 27, 29, 30 AND 31 RECORDED THE MORE IMPORTANT PARTICIPANTS' COMMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF PLA CHIEF OF STAFF LO JUI-CHING, WHO SPOKE FOR THE MILITARY DECEMBER 29. THE FIRST THREE PAGES OF DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST'S PEOPLE'S DAILY PUBLISHED A SUMMARY OF CHOU'S REPORT, DELIVERED A WEEK EARLIER.

3. ON JANUARY 1 PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTED LIU SHAO-CHI AS SPEAKING TO THE SUPREME STATE CONFERENCE, A LITTLE-USED NPC OFFSHOOT. NPC PLENARY SESSION DISCUSSIONS, WHICH CONTINUED THROUGH JANUARY 2, ENDED THE THIRD. THAT DAY, NCNA ANNOUNCED LIU SHAO-CHI'S REELECTION AS PRC CHAIRMAN, AND THE SELECTION OF OTHER TOP STATE GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

4. THE NPC SESSION CONCLUDED JAN 4, AFTER TWO WEEKS OF MEETINGS. ON THE FINAL DAY, DELEGATES APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF 16 VICE PREMIERS AND ALL STATE COUNCIL MINISTERS. IT ALSO APPROVED CHOU'S REPORT AND ADOPTED A CLOSING RESOLUTION. PEOPLE'S DAILY MARKED THE CLOSING WITH AN EDITORIAL JAN 5. THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE, WHICH HAD BEEN OPENED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE NPC DECEMBER 20, CLOSED JANUARY 5. OSBORN

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